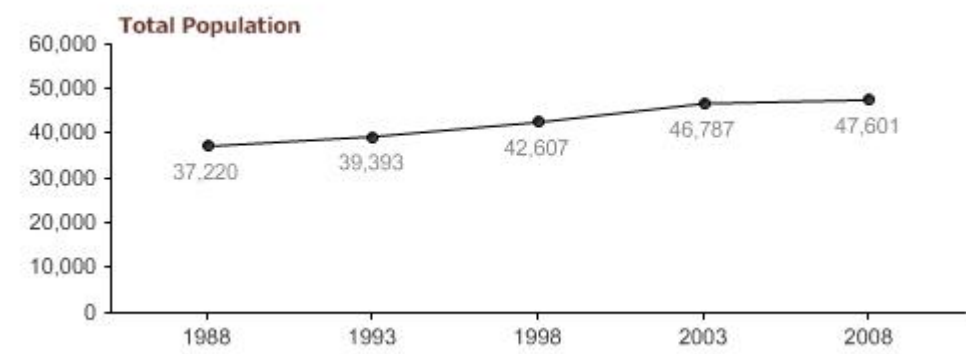


# Noble County, IN Highlights

## Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

| Population Over Time   |        |        |        |        |        |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                        | 1988   | 1993   | 1998   | 2003   | 2008   |
| Total Population       | 37,220 | 39,393 | 42,607 | 46,787 | 47,601 |
| Change Since 1988      |        | 2,173  | 5,387  | 9,567  | 10,381 |
| Pct. Change Since 1988 |        | 5.8%   | 14.5%  | 25.7%  | 27.9%  |



Source: US Census Bureau

| Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008 |        |  |
|--|--------|--|
|  | Number |  |
| Net Domestic Migration                       | -296   |  |
| International Migration                      | 122    |  |
| Natural Increase (births minus deaths)       | 306    |  |
| Births                                       | 697    |  |
| Deaths                                       | 391    |  |

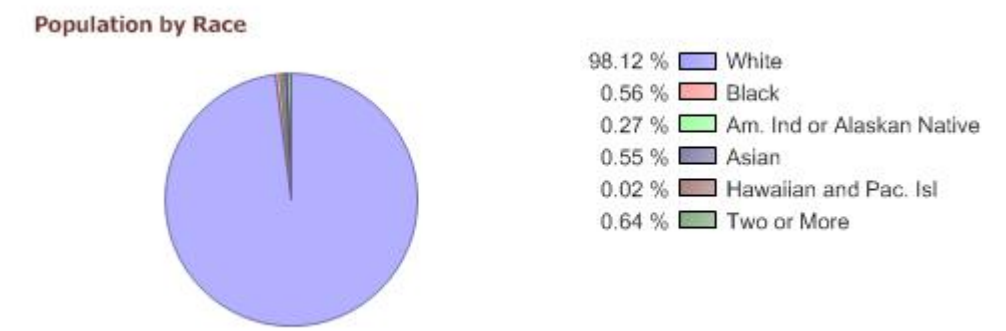
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| Population Estimates by Age in 2007 |        |           |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
|                                     | Number | Pct. Dist |
| Preschool                           | 3,426  | 7.2%      |
| School Age                          | 9,359  | 19.7%     |
| College Age                         | 3,723  | 7.8%      |

|                 |        |       |
|-----------------|--------|-------|
| Young Adult     | 13,822 | 29.1% |
| Older Adult     | 11,837 | 24.9% |
| Older (65 plus) | 5,359  | 11.3% |

Source: US Census Bureau

| Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007 |        |           |
|--|--------|-----------|
|  | Number | Pct. Dist |
| American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone                    | 127    | 0.3%      |
| Asian Alone  | 261    | 0.6%      |
| Black Alone  | 266    | 0.6%      |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone                | 8      | 0.0%      |
| White Alone  | 46,560 | 98.1%     |
| Two or More Race Groups                                  | 304    | 0.6%      |



| Hispanic or Latino     |        |       |
|------------------------|--------|-------|
| Non-Hispanic or Latino | 42,631 | 89.8% |
| Hispanic or Latino     | 4,895  | 10.3% |

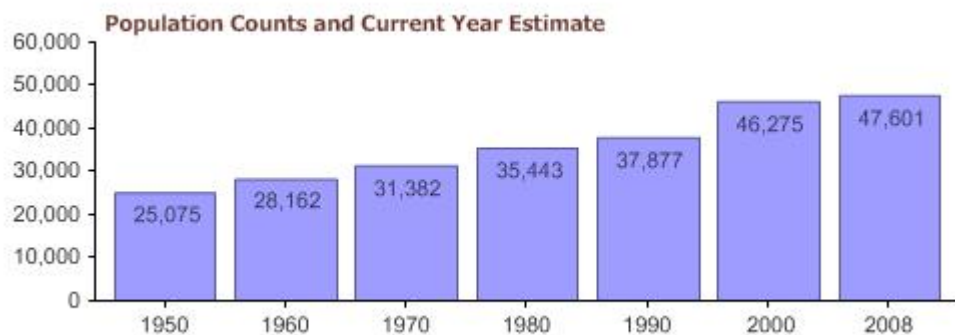
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| Households in 2000            |        |           |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|
|                               | Number | Pct. Dist |
| Total Households              | 16,696 | 100.0%    |
| Family Households             | 12,294 | 73.6%     |
| Married with Children         | 4,834  | 29.0%     |
| Married without Children      | 5,210  | 31.2%     |
| Single Parents                | 1,408  | 8.4%      |
| Other                         | 842    | 5.0%      |
| Non-family Households         | 4,402  | 26.4%     |
| Living Alone                  | 3,650  | 21.9%     |
| Average Household Size        | 2.78   |           |
| Average Family Household Size | 3.78   |           |

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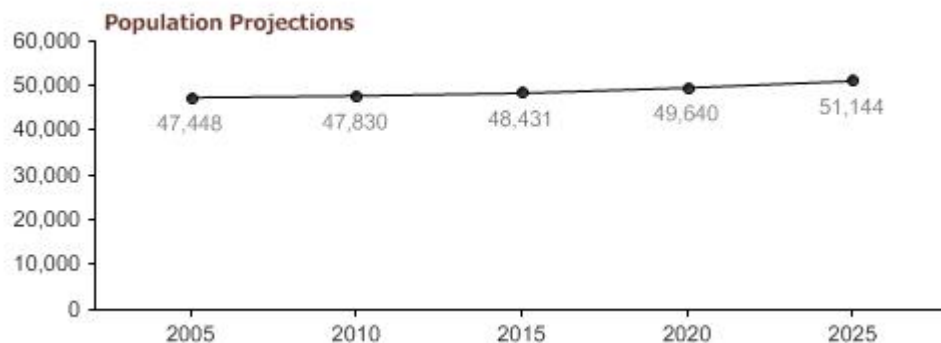
| Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate |            |                |           |
|---|------------|----------------|-----------|
|   | Population | Numerical Chg. | Pct. Chg. |
| 1950  | 25,075     | NA             | NA        |
| 1960  | 28,162     | 3,087          | 12.3%     |
| 1970  | 31,382     | 3,220          | 11.4%     |
| 1980  | 35,443     | 4,061          | 12.9%     |
| 1990  | 37,877     | 2,434          | 6.9%      |
|   |            |                |           |

|            |        |       |       |
|------------|--------|-------|-------|
| April 2000 | 46,275 | 8,398 | 22.2% |
| 2008       | 47,601 | 1,326 | 2.9%  |



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

| Population Projections |        |        |        |        |        |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                        | 2005   | 2010   | 2015   | 2020   | 2025   |
| Population Projections | 47,448 | 47,830 | 48,431 | 49,640 | 51,144 |
| Change Since 2005      |        | 382    | 983    | 2,192  | 3,696  |
| Pct. Change Since 2005 |        | 0.8%   | 2.1%   | 4.6%   | 7.8%   |



Source: Indiana Business Research Center